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COUNTRY USSR/East Germany

REPORT

SUBJECT 1. Naval Vessel Sightings in Riga, Klaipeda, Kronshtadt Harbor, Ventspils, and Sassnitz
2. Port Observations at Ventspils (including water depth, construction + roads)

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The reports of port observations in Ventspils and naval vessel sightings in the Baltic area

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A two-page report of port observations at Ventspils including descriptions of radar installations, water depth, dredging, and oil tank construction. Also reported are sightings of vessels, and three KRONSHADT-class submarine chasers.

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A two-page report on a sighting in Kronshtadt Harbor of a formation of T-43-class minesweepers, with sketches of the formation being used on the lead ship.

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A brief one-page report on naval vessel sightings in Klaipeda including: one RIGA-class escort vessel, one T-43-class minesweeper, two patrol boats, four Q-class submarines, one auxiliary vessel.

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A brief one-page report on naval vessel sightings outside Riga of four T-301-class minesweepers, and one small submarine.

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Also reported is a sighting of an SO-1-class submarine chaser,
in Sassnitz, East Germany

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VENTSPILS - Port Information

[] confirm or deny the existence of a minefield (Nemedri No. 23) off the port. Fishing boats were seen crossing the area and a small Norwegian vessel was seen within its limits.

2. Nothing was seen of any boom depot on the North side of the entrance opposite the lighthouse.

3. A pylon with two small Radar scanners was seen situated beside the pilot station.

4. A trellis mast with Radar arrays [] on the south side of the harbour near the signal station. []

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5. The present depth of water over the bar at the river entrance is 30 ft.

6. Dredging was taking place at the eastern end of the outer harbour between the North and South Moles.

7. A number of oil tanks are being built to the North East of the eastern end of the export quay.

8. Eleven small vessels [] described as gunboats were seen onshore at the eastern end of the Town Quay. []

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9. Three small warships were berthed alongside the Town Quay.

Sea Area Brief

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H. Alongside the Town Quay VENTSPILS

Y. Leaving VENTSPILS Harbour

D. Good visibility

O. Restricted

F. One squat funnel

I. []

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L. About 130 ft.

M. One pole mast rising from bridge

S. Flush decked

T. One small turret forward and aft

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- A. Depth charge racks aft
- R. Half choose aerial at masthead
- S. Russian naval ensign

10. Three other small naval vessels [redacted] were also
seen in the harbour [redacted]

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Soviet Naval Vessels in
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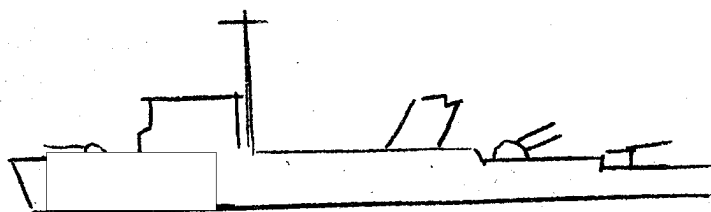
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identical type [redacted] six Soviet minesweepers of [redacted] were on position approximately 15 seamiles west of Leningrad light ship. The unit flew the Soviet flag and made approximately 15 knots on east-northeasterly course.

Description of the minesweepers:

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Three of the six boats had a minesweeping gear out, and ran in the formation indicated below. The three other boats sailed either abreast or behind the sweeping boats.

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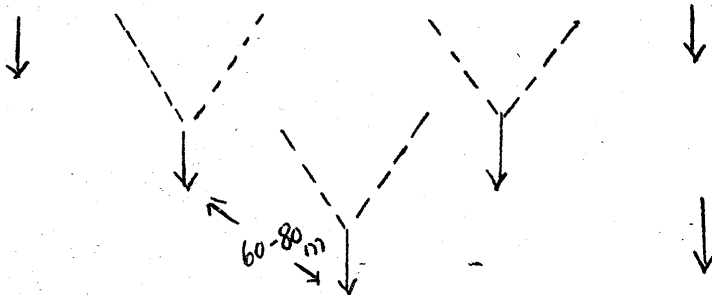
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The distance between the sweeping boats was approximately 60 to 80 meters.

Sketch 2:



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The sweeping gear consisted of each two yellow-colored otter boards spaced 15 to 25 meters apart.

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4 February 1960, observed about twenty minutes longitude outside Klaipeda:
Frigate of RIGA class

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6-15 February 1960, observed in Klaipeda:

Minesweeper of T-43 class,

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Patrol ships

Submarines of Q type.

entered and left the harbor twice and appeared somewhat smaller than the other submarines,

Auxiliary vessel with engine astern.

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War Vessels Observed in Riga and
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observed outside of Riga:

4 minesweepers of T-301 class, one of which was engaged in
sweeping exercise.

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a small submarine on a course toward the harbor.

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observed in Sassnitz:

Submarine Chaser of XO-1 class.

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